



NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Off-Base Parcels – Southern Access Parcels and Group C Parcel
North Charleston, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Amendment to Voluntary Cleanup Contract through July 18, 2017.

The Fourth Amendment to Voluntary Cleanup Contract 16-6071-NRP, will affect approximately 1.8 acres located in North Charleston, South Carolina. The property is further identified by Charleston County Tax Map Serial Numbers 464-02-00-017, -020, -092, and 469-16-00-392. The South Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Public Railways d/b/a Palmetto Railways (Palmetto Railways), wants to acquire the property and intends to develop the property as a portion of the Naval Base Intermodal Facility (NBIF).

The southern access parcels were historically used for commercial purposes. Though the Group C parcel was primarily used for residential purposes it is currently used as a laundromat. The past use of the property may have caused environmental pollution on the property.

This Contract Amendment will be between DHEC and Palmetto Railways. DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to encourage productive reuse of Brownfield sites. DHEC will not hold Palmetto Railways responsible for pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Contract Amendment. Under the proposed Contract Amendment, Palmetto Railways will test soil and groundwater on the property. If significant contamination is found, Palmetto Railways will be required to take steps to protect human health and the environment. Palmetto Railways did not create the pollution, but will control it to keep the property safe for re-use. Under State law, Palmetto Railways will not be responsible if anyone has been affected by the contamination. The responsibility of former owners or operators of the property is not reduced by this Contract Amendment.

The proposed Contract Amendment is available at <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed Contract Amendment through July 18, 2017. Questions or comments may be directed to Jerry Stamps, Project Manager, by e-mail at stampsjm@dhec.sc.gov, telephone (803) 898-0927, or Alex Fulmer at TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to Jerry Stamps at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.